

Covarrubias House  
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Santa Barbara County,  
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## COVARRUBIAS HOUSE

715 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, California.

Owner: John R. Southworth.Date of Erection: About 1817.Architect:Builder:

Present Condition: Fairly well preserved in its altered state. A small extension was at one time made to the rear of house and minor changes made during the course of years in the form of repairs to preserve the structure.

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Foundations of field stones laid in either adobe or lime mortar. Walls are of sun dried adobe brick laid in adobe mortar, plastered with adobe and white-washed, part cement plastered in more recent years, wood framed roof covered with shingles and tar paper covering.

Other Existing Records: Myrtle Garrison, "Romance and History of California Ranchos." p. 43. - Walter A. Hawley, "The Early Days of Santa Barbara". - "Santa Barbara - Tierra Adorada, Community History" published by Security First National Bank of Los Angeles.

Additional Data: The original owner of this house was Don Dominguez Carrillo. It became the property of Don Jose Covarrubias in 1847, and he occupied it for about 50 years. Covarrubias was the first Elector of California in 1852.

The present owner states that Governor Pio Pico once occupied the house, and here it was that the last Congress under the Mexican flag was held.



June 4, 1937.

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Addendum to  
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